

COTTON GINNERS' REPORT.

CROP TO DATE IS 12,919,257 BALES.

Compared With Last Year The Crop is a Million Bales Less Than at Same Date—Estimates Indicate That Total Crop Will Approximate Thirteen and a Half Million Bales.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The eighth cotton ginning report of the census bureau for the season, issued at 10 o'clock this morning, announced that 12,919,257 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1912, had been ginned prior to Wednesday, January 1, to which date during the past seven years the ginning averaged 92.8 per cent of the entire crop. Last year to January 1 there had been ginned 14,317,002 bales, or 92.1 per cent of the entire crop; in 1908 to that date 12,465,298 bales, or 95.3 per cent and in 1906 to that date 11,741,039 bales, or 90.4 per cent.

Included in the ginnings were 77,799 round bales, compared with 96,227 bales last year, 109,292 bales in 1908, 143,949 bales in 1909, and 230,572 bales in 1906.

The number of sea island cotton bales included were 67,329, compared with 105,988 bales last year, 89,611 bales in 1909, and 86,523 bales in 1906.

Ginnings prior to January 1 by States, with comparisons for last year and other big crop years and the percentage of the entire crop ginned prior to that date in those years follow:

Year.	Alabama.	Ginnings.	P.C.
1912..	1,289,576	95.5	
1911..	1,618,510	97.8	
1908..	1,302,330	95.9	
1906..	1,190,062		
Arkansas.			
1912..	732,240	86.6	
1911..	786,329	91.4	
1908..	910,423	81.8	
1906..	731,547		
Florida.			
1912..	56,018	91.5	
1911..	86,421	94.7	
1908..	66,855	96.0	
1906..	59,911		
Georgia.			
1912..	1,767,013	93.9	
1911..	2,623,917	97.7	
1908..	1,930,783	96.3	
1906..	1,571,582		
Louisiana.			
1912..	367,195	92.6	
1911..	452,503	91.1	
1908..	453,220	87.5	
1906..	329,459		
Mississippi.			
1912..	937,323	89.6	
1911..	1,947,299	93.9	
1908..	1,522,160	97.7	
1906..	1,289,294	86.9	
North Carolina.			
1912..	857,403	86.6	
1911..	975,223	94.7	
1908..	647,595	93.5	
1906..	571,628		
Oklahoma.			
1912..	946,453	88.6	
1911..	900,409	95.1	
1908..	525,410	80.5	
1906..	701,814		
South Carolina.			
1912..	1,173,549	89.2	
1911..	1,508,753	96.7	
1908..	1,176,220	95.2	
1906..	868,911		
Tennessee.			
1912..	248,506	88.7	
1911..	381,281	94.9	
1908..	317,019	82.5	
1906..	241,838		
Texas.			
1912..	4,461,932	95.6	
1911..	2,926,059	96.1	
1908..	3,486,007	91.6	
1906..	3,626,117		
Other States.			
1912..	82,013	79.4	
1911..	110,298	92.7	
1908..	67,777	77.2	
1906..	52,710		

The ginnings of sea island cotton, prior to January 1, by States, follow:

Year.	Fla.	Ga.	S. C.
1912..	21,084	39,526	6,791
1911..	35,021	63,099	4,798
1909..	27,532	49,944	12,135
1908..	32,698	41,049	12,781

The next ginning report will be issued Thursday, January 23, at 10 a. m. and will announce the quantity of cotton ginned prior to Wednesday, January 15.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly falling to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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COMING TO CORN SHOW.

SECRETARY WILSON WILL VISIT COLUMBIA FEB. 1.

Secretary of Agriculture and Entire Committee on Agriculture Accepts Invitation to Attend National Corn Show.

Washington, Jan. 9.—George H. Stevenson, secretary and general manager of the National Corn exposition, which is to hold its fifth annual meeting in the city of Columbia, January 27-February 8, was here today, and with Representative A. F. Lever, extended an invitation to Jas. Wilson, secretary of agriculture, and the entire agricultural committee of the house of representatives to visit the exposition on "Boys' day," February 1. Both the secretary and the committee accepted this invitation, and the committee recorded a vote of thanks to the exposition management for the courtesy thus extended.

The acceptance of this invitation by the secretary of agriculture is itself a fact of large significance, and his visit to the State, supplemented by that of the entire agricultural committee of the house, under the auspices of such an agricultural institution, means one of the most auspicious gatherings in the interest of agriculture in the history of the country.

This is the first time in the history of congress that the agricultural committee, as a whole, has accepted such an invitation, and on this date the exposition and State will have as their guests the cabinet officer of a great department of the government and a committee of congress whose personnel, coming from all sections of the nation, represent every phase of agriculture thought and work.

The committee will welcome this opportunity to view the National Corn exposition as an institution dealing with the fundamental agricultural problems of the nation, and also the excellent opportunity to get in close touch with the more advanced work of the various State institutions which will there be represented.

At this exposition will be exhibits from 27 of the leading agricultural experiment stations and colleges of the county and the national department under the terms of an authorization of congress will have an exhibit which in many respects will be the best ever sent out by the department. An elaborate programme will be arranged for the entire month of the exposition, a special feature of which will be a parade in which the boys and girls of the town and vicinity, who will be in Columbia attending the first exposition school for prize winners, will participate. These boys and girls will be brought to the exposition by their respective counties in recognition of their success in the club work. The city of Columbia has planned a luncheon to be given in honor of these boys and girls, and at this Secretary Wilson will be the principal speaker.

The members of the agricultural committee of the house are: John Lamb of Virginia, Asbury F. Lever of South Carolina, Augustus O. Stanley of Kentucky, Gordon Lee of Georgia, Ezekiel S. Chandler, Jr., of Mississippi, J. Thomas Hefflin of Alabama, James T. McDermott of Illinois, John A. Maguire of Nebraska, Thomas L. Rubey of Missouri, Jon J. Whitacre of Ohio, Charles A. Talbot of New York, Joseph Taggart of Kansas, Jas. Young of Texas, H. M. Jacoway of Arkansas, Gilbert N. Haughen of Iowa, James C. McLaughlin of Michigan, Willis C. Hawley of Oregon, Joseph Howell of Utah, Louis B. Hanna of North Dakota, Frank Plimley of Vermont, James S. Simmons of New York.

It is understood that Charleston will probably extend an invitation to these distinguished visitors to be her guests on the 2nd to visit the various historical and interesting points in that part of the State. Mr. Stevenson expressed himself as much gratified at the acceptance of this invitation by the committee and the secretary, as was also Representative Levere.

Mr. Lever said: "I regard this exposition as the greatest thing, in the way of agriculture, that has ever occurred in the South, and of course I am quite proud of the fact that it is being held in the district I have the honor to represent here. I am sure that its educational features will mean much to the present and future agriculture of the State and the acceptance of this invitation this morning by Secretary Wilson and my own committee means a gathering of distinguished men all of whom have their best efforts directed along the lines of a better and a more profitable agriculture for our nation, and I am sure the people of our State, and the entire South, can not overestimate the importance of this occasion."

Subject to Appeal.

The decision of a New York judge that a man is boss of his own household is probably good law, and it will stand until overruled by the supreme court of the United States, or the United States supreme court.

FAMINE GRIPS ADRIANOPLE.

BULGARIANS WITHOUT AND FAMINE AND PLAGUE RAGE WITHIN.

Turks Fighting Against Desperate Odds in Attempt to Hold Their Ancient Capital—Citadel Cannot Withstand Siege Many More Days.

London, Jan. 9.—Official news received by the Bulgarian delegation describes the situation at Adrianople as desperate. Several soldiers who deserted and succeeded in reaching the headquarters of the allies, say the town is in its last grasp. Provisions are so scarce that the military authorities have requisitioned all the food possessed even by private individuals and are making only one distribution, comprising a half ration daily.

Conditions have been rendered more grave by the number of sick who crowd the hospitals, where the attention is inadequate. Thus the death rate is very high. The Bulgarians have allowed medicine and Red Cross workers to enter under the escort of a Bulgarian detachment.

The commander of the fortress has declared he would rather see all die of starvation than surrender the town; that is why all who can are endeavoring to escape. The Bulgarians believe even independently of any action the powers may take, the question of Adrianople soon will be solved.

It is understood Constantinople has accepted the views of Rechad Pasha, who recently asked to be authorized to reconvene the conference, he being here for the next sitting. The difficulty now lies in the determination of the allies not to participate unless they are notified in advance what Turkey intends to propose.

They don't wish to revive the discussion of unacceptable terms but desire to have it as a certainty that Turkey is ready to cede what has been pronounced as the irreducible minimum of the allies—Adrianople—after which it will be possible to discuss the frontier line, which must leave that town in the hands of the allies.

In other words, the allies do not wish to play into Turkey's hands by re-entering the conference room without a definite programme which may lead to definite conclusion of peace at this time. Before the meeting the Turks and allies must have unofficially agreed to the main points of the proposed change of the treaty so that official deliberation on those agreements can be had in the conference room.

The matter was touched by Hugh Cambon, the French ambassador to Great Britain, at which the Turks and allies meet for the first time on neutral grounds, is looked upon as an excellent opportunity for the plenipotentiaries to take the first step in the direction of an unofficial understanding. It is suggested also that the British foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, in his capacity as honorary president of the conference, might take the initiative, thereby obviating the necessity of either of the parties appearing to make the first advance. This could be accomplished only if the allies were assured that Turkey would be prepared to give up Adrianople.

Look Out for Them.

The Spartanburg Herald says Uncle Sam's expert "taster," a man whose sense of taste is so keen that he can detect a drop of sherry wine in an egg flip, arrived in Spartanburg Wednesday and visited all the soda fountains and drank egg flips to his heart's content. In all establishments where flips are served with sherry the "taster" required the proprietor to pay revenue license of \$25, the regular amount the government charges for selling spirituous liquors.

PA. R. R. MAY ABSORB A. C. L.

PHILADELPHIA BANKERS' VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

In Gigantic Rearrangement of Transportation System, it is Believed in Philadelphia that Atlantic Coast Line System will Become Part of Pennsylvania Company, which New President Plans to Expand.

The possibility of the absorption of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway system, by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, is suggested by an influential Philadelphia banker, according to a story in the Philadelphia North American. It is pointed out that the new president of the big transportation company in the course of rearrangement, and in view of the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court, divorcing the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific, will seek to expand the Pennsylvania by acquiring the Atlantic Coast Line properties, which include 12,334 miles of line.

The story as told by the North American is as follows:

"That the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will have spread its dominion over the whole South before the current year was the view expressed confidentially today by an influential banker, whose associations open to him many avenues to early inside information. His belief is that the Atlantic Coast Line system of 12,334 miles will be annexed to that of the Pennsylvania, which now comprises 11,407 miles of line.

"Certain recent developments seem to indicate that some gigantic rearrangement of the transportation system of the United States is planned by Samuel Rea, who has just become head of the Pennsylvania Railroad system, pledged to inaugurate and carry forward aggressively a policy of construction and expansion. It became known today that Mr. Rea, on December 27, resigned as a director of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company.

"While it is stated that this retirement of the president of the Pennsylvania Railway from the board of the Norfolk and Western means only that Mr. Rea wants more time to devote to the big company, there are those who see other significance in the action.

"Financiers interpret this to mean that the Pennsylvania Railroad is an agency of a sort of the present day, and that the supreme court, when it pronounced that the Union Pacific Company control of the Southern Pacific as being a 'competing line,' feels that its controlling interest in the Norfolk and Western and its big holdings of Baltimore and Ohio stock may be attached on the same ground. And so it is suggested that the Rea administration is likely to act in a way to put the Pennsylvania in certain accord with the Sherman law, as just further interpreted."

LAD SHOTS OLDER BROTHER.

Eight Year Old Lee County Boy Kills Twelve Year Old Brother.

Bishopville, Jan. 9.—Holly Swails, the 8-year-old son of J. D. Swails, of Alcot, this county, shot and killed Rivers, his 12-year-old brother late Tuesday afternoon. It seems from the facts gathered from persons from that section that the youngest brother is somewhat unbalanced in mind and that his older brother was up on a shelter teasing his pet cat and the little fellow resented it and shot him without warning.

Mr. E. N. Welch, of Wisacky, was a visitor to the city Friday.

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RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts, 647,477.22	Capital stock, 200,000.00
Bonds and stocks, 21,706.23	Surplus, 50,000.00
Furniture & Fix., 8,400.49	Undivided profits, 13,366.11
Real Estate, 49,468.34	Dividends unpaid, 704.00
Cash in vault, and in banks, 139,459.76	Bills payable, 160,000.00
	Deposits, 442,441.93
866,512.04	866,512.04

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF DEPOSITS:
Deposits, January 10, 1912, 318,371.01
Deposits, January 10, 1913, 412,441.93

INCREASE OF \$124,070 89

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